THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A report about the roof falling has been obtained now from DDA.

(c) and (d) It is not correct that the life span of the colony is only 40 years. The buildings are permanent in nature and should last for many years more with proper maintenance. As the life of the buildings lasts for 80—100 years, to bestow ownership right to occupants was a conscious decision. The lavoratory block had fallen on account of wilful damaged by certain anti social elements.

(e) and (f) The Officers of the DDA (Slum Wing) have not given any right to the occupants of slum tenements to make illegal constructions on footpaths adjoining their tenements. The occupants make such illegal construction on their own. The staff of Slum Wing of DDA has been bringing to the notice of the Police such illegal constructions on open space adjoining tenements. Any attempt to remove such illegal constructions by DDA Staff is resisted by the public and their representatives.

Compensation for the land acquired for Central Government Colony in Bihar

2169. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any compensation has been given to the persons whose agricultural land was acquired at the time of constructing Central Government Colony in Bihar in 1973;

(b) if so, when and at what rate and the amount of compensation paid so far;

(c) if answer to the part (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of persons whose land was acquired and who have been provided employment and the number who have not been provided employment so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Thakkar Natrajan Commission

2170. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought the views of Press Council of India on the observations of Justices Thakkar Natrajan Commission;

(b) if so, on what issue the views of Press Council of India have been sought;

(c) whether the Thakkar Natrajan Commission have made any request to Government for lying down a code of Ethics for the Press;

(d) if so, whether the Press Council of India has given its views to Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (e) The Government had brought to the notice of the Press Council the observations of the Justices Thakkar-Natrajan Commission on the role of media. It was inter-alia stated by the Commission that the time is more than ripe for the media to evolve a code of conduct for itself, in consultation with its conscience, keeping in mind the larger